



E.R. MESSAGE

November is here we have Football in full swing and the start of the Holiday Season. We have had our District Deputy Visit and replaced the roof of our Lodge. I'd like to thank The Officers, Patrick, and the Lodge Staff for a job well done. I would also like to thank Benny Ottaviani and George Zanella for cooking a great meal for the Initiation and District Deputy Visit and would like to welcome all the new Members to the Lodge. Coming up for November we have the Turkey Shoot and the Thanksgiving Breakfast for the High School Football Team. Looking forward the Kids Xmas Party will be Sun Dec 8th. Anyone interested in helping please let me know. I Hope everyone has a great and safe Thanksgiving and look forward to seeing you at the Lodge.



E.R. Scott Gillis

SECRETARY'S CORNER

Though it is a yearly event, when the District Deputy comes with his suite of Officers to inspect our Lodge, it is a time for reflection and self-inspection. The Officers, Home Committee, Board of Directors and others are asked to show how the Lodge is doing. We are very fortunate here at Framingham 1264 because there are committed, dedicated, and sincere Members who have taken the challenge to conduct the affairs of our Lodge. Thus the report from our District Deputy Ronald Lanzoni was quite favorable. He and his suite offered some encouraging suggestions which we will take under advisement as we continue through this year. Congratulations to all of you who help to make this Lodge the successful Lodge it is!

November is Veterans' Month, and it is a time for us to pay special tribute to those who have served in our armed forces, and in a special way to remember those who were called to make the ultimate sacrifice. Our thanks and appreciation, go to all of you who have served.

Check the calendars for this month and the month of December. Also check for any postings which may appear in the Lodge for additional activities or specifics regarding upcoming events.

These months are very busy for everyone, and added to the schedule is the Red Sox in the World Series, and the Pats moving forward with a successful season. Come down to the Lodge and join the excitement with other Members.

I hope you all have a happy Thanksgiving.

Fraternally,

Robert B. Anspach, PER, PDD, HLM
Secretary



SOCCER SHOOT

We held our lodge Soccer Shoot on September 22, 2010. The day was sunny and we had 48 children participate. Six First Place winners went on to compete at the District Shoot held at the Franklin Lodge. We had 1 first place winner from our Lodge that competed in the State Shoot on October 24th at the Hudson Lodge.

I would like to thank all that helped out that day. Without your support this program would not be possible, your dedication cannot go unnoticed.

Elks Members, Jim Furlong, Bob Anspach, Dan O'Rourke, Monica O'Rourke, Tim Rivers, Scott Gillis, Roger Dillbarion, Non Members, Jim Hill, Karen Hill, Kathy Morse, Connor Gillis

If I have missed anyone, I apologize.

Lodge Chairman,

John J. Villa PER, PDD, HLM



EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER

We are holding our annual East Central District Elks National Foundation Fundraiser. First prize is \$1,000.00, 2nd \$250.00, 3rd 100.00 and 10 chances to win \$25.00 worth of scratch tickets. The raffle book cost \$25.00 for 10 tickets or \$3.00 per ticket. The cover of the book is the entrance fee to Dinner and Comedy show with 3 of Boston's top Comedians. The Event will be held at the Norwood Lodge on February 8, 2014. \$10.00 of each book sold will go to the Elks National Foundation in the seller's name. This is a great way to increase your ENF pledge and have a chance to win \$1,000.00. Raffle books are available through me. If you would like one or two books send the money to the lodge to my attention and I will fill out the tickets for you. Good Luck.

Contact: John J. Villa for tickets. 508 397-9065

Hope to see you all there..... **YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE THESE BOOKS IN THE MAIL...**

BOOKS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE LODGE BY FEBRUARY 1, 2014

ELKS MEMORIAL SUNDAY

It is not too early to plan on attending the Memorial Sunday on December 1, 2013 at 11:00am.

Each year we gather to remember those Members who have passed away, and in a special way to recall those who have passed since our last Memorial Sunday in 2012. Family, relatives and friends are invited to witness this very Special Service performed by the Officers. Light refreshments will be served after the ceremony.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS:

Joyce Seariac, Kevin Horton, Chet Obremski and John Palmer.



For an update on these members, or information as to how to get in touch with them, please contact the Secretary at 774-279-2796.



EMBLEM NEWS

Please welcome our newest member Ruthann Tomassini, glad to have you join us.

Fall is here and so far not too bad, but still would like some more sunny days. I'm sure most of us do not want to rush winter.

Our Cootie party was so much fun if you didn't make it you really missed a Sunday full of fun.

We started our November meeting off by a Memorial Service for our departed sisters and brothers.

The Massachusetts Reception for Supreme President, Jackie Fanzo took place at U Mass Inn & Conference Center in Lowell. We took a tour of the building where our convention will be held in 2015 at which time Phillip Begal will become State President. Very nice place and was not difficult to find.

Second State Meeting is Sunday, November 17, 2013 at 12:00 to 4pm at Quincy Lodge.

The Turkey Shoot will be on Saturday November 23rd. This is an Emblem and Elk fund raiser, so please come down and play. You could win your own turkey for the big day.

Thanksgiving is on the 28TH. It is a day for families to get together and have an enjoyable day.

Do hope you read the Topics because we are in this magazine, thanks to our press correspondent, Carlene Bennett. Sometimes we have more than one article so look carefully.

Darlene Herweek again this year is asking for our help. She would like us to bring unwrapped gifts for teenagers to give to our teenagers. We chose teenagers, as they are the most forgotten children. Everyone helps the little ones so they know Santa has been there when the wake up. Please bring to this meeting and unwrapped.

Please bring some food to our meetings so we can help make Thanksgiving special for others. A Place to Turn will be happy to receive food from Emblem and Elks.

It is still very difficult for so many and we can make a difference with just few items.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 13 at 7:30 pm. Collation Hostesses are: Nancy Jay, La Rue Nelson and Eleanor DeBassio.

Sickness and Distress: Liz LeBlanc and Barbara Ford are much better now.

Advice Column: A willingness to adapt leads to golden opportunities.

Just a reminder please remember your teenagers gift and to bring food for a Place to Turn because we are entering the season of giving. We thank all the Elks and Emblem members that help in these two needed project.

Don't forget to wish all VETERANS a special hello and say thanks for serving for all of us.

Yours in Emblem

Phyllis A. May Present
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ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

We are just over the halfway mark thru the year and we are currently at \$4.90 per member. We have passed the GER's goal and we are close to the Lodge's goal of \$6.00 per member. With all of your continued support I know that we will exceed this goal.

I would like to thank Bill Lawler, Bob Anspach, Liz LeBlanc, Bill Sullivan, Kathy Morse, Time Rivers,

Roger Dilberian, Janet Whitley, Nick Paganella, Scott Gillis, Ed Quintal and Charles Villa for their recent donations for sponsoring me in the Walk Around the Lake.

To the new members over the last several years, the Lodge donated your first \$10.00 when you became an Elk member to get you started in the Elks National Foundation. This initial payment starts you off to complete a total payment of \$100.00 over a period of 10 years. The ENF will send you a statement once a year requesting a \$10.00 payment, I know that we get overwhelmed with ELKS mail and this request may have been discarded inadvertently. I am reaching out to the new members over the past few years that have not sent in their \$10.00 toward their Participating Member status too send \$10.00 or whatever you can afford to the lodge to my attention and I will send it directly to the ENF.

THIS IS LESS THAN 3 CENTS A DAY. SEND IN THE \$10.00 AND I WILL SEND IT TO THE ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION IN YOUR NAME.

Thank you all for your continued support and helping us provide our students with scholarships well over 3 million last year. Last Year our Lodge gave out over \$30,000 to student through the State Scholarship Grants. The Elks National Foundation also supports the Veterans and many other programs including the Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot and Drug Awareness.

If anyone needs to get in touch with me at any time call (508) 397-9065

Elks Care, Elks Share,

John J. Villa PER PDD HLM
Chairman

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY MADE MEMBERS

On October 25, 2013 the Officers initiated Michael Bradley (second generation, and son of Peter Bradley), Brett Moreau (third generation, and son of Ernie and Rhonda Moreau, and grandson of "Shag" Moreau, Bobby Ortiz, Jr., Paul Sanford, and Monica Trashjian. This was the Official Visitation of District Deputy Ronny Lanzoni of Norwood. The Officers did a fine job in the ritual and the DD spoke well of the Lodge's financial condition and its involvement in Grand Lodge Programs. He commended the Officers and the Members of Framingham 1264 for their excellent work.

Our next class is not until the PER Night in February. Applications are now being accepted for that special night. (A reminder to those who propose a person for Membership: please be sure to instruct the applicant from the very beginning that Initiation fees are \$50.00 and Membership dues are \$68.00. Also let them know that there may be a likelihood that the Orientation and the Initiation will be on a weeknight. This has shown to be a last minute deterrent for some who work nights!!)



VETERANS' DAY – 2013

The Framingham Elks have served in all branches of the military, in many capacities, and all over the world. We have had veterans in all of the nation's wars from the Civil War to now. Many were not Elks when they served, but became members later. For example, in 1924, the Lodge initiated 20 Civil War veterans, members of the Grand Army of the Republic and records show that on past Veterans' Days, the Lodge had it's Spanish-American War veterans participate in the town's Veterans' Day parade, although none of those veterans are identified by name. There were many, many beside those below who stepped up to serve our country. It was my privilege to have known each of the members mentioned here.

Of the 50 Lodge members who served in World War I. **PER Gardner Hannon** had the singular distinction of serving in the Navy in both WWI and World War II. **Bill Casey's** naval service was spent in the submarines. **Joe McManus** also served in the Navy in WWII. His destroyer, the U.S.S. Bush, was sunk by kamikazies near Okinawa; the ship that picked up the Bush survivors was also sunk. Joe later said that he didn't think it was personal on the part of the Japanese, but he was never positive. Another of our members, former Inner Guard **John O'Connell** had a somewhat different view. John survived the Bataan Death March and spent the rest of the war in a Japanese prisoner-of-war camp. In later years, John wasn't too warm to any product known to be "Made In Japan."

PER Aldo Grandoni also spent time as a POW. He was a waist gunner whose bomber was shot down over Romania. The rest of his war was spend as a guest of the Germans. **Bernie MacKenzie's** bomber that also had bad luck. After Bernie finished all of his flight training, he was sent to England. His bomber crashed taking off on his very first mission. Bernie was busted up pretty good, but fortunately he survived. Another member had much better luck; **John Jackson** was the youngest bomber pilot in WWII to complete twenty-five missions. He, along with **Bob (Sam) Higgins** who served as a bombardier in Europe, never talked much about their experiences during the war.

Jack McManus fought in the Battle of the Bulge. He said that he could hear the clank of German armor as it moved past him in the fog and dark. He said he was never as cold and scared as he was in those days in the Hurtgen Forest.

When the Korean War broke out, members from all branches of the service stepped forward: the Marines **"Shag" Moreau**, the Army's **Dwight Wigglesworth**, the Navy's **Jimmy LeBlanc** were among those who served and saw action.

The numerous Lodge members who served their country during the Cold War, and the hot wars of Vietnam, the Gulf War, and Afghanistan are also remembered and are honored for their service.

November 11 is the day set aside to remember our Veterans. But anyone who had to leave his family, put his life on hold, and make costly physical and mental sacrifices to protect our freedoms deserves to be thanked, honored, and respected every day of every year.

God Bless Our Veterans.

Dick Caron

PER-PDD



Once again we have an Elks member who has a son that is deployed in the military. Diane Ahearn Bosworth's son Jerry Bosworth was recently deployed to Afghanistan and is stationed at Bagram Airfield. Jerry is a Warrant Officer in the Army National Guard and is a member of the A Company as a Blackhawk helicopter pilot. We are looking for members to donate some of the following items to Jerry's Company, which would be greatly appreciated:

- Powder Gatorade
- Granola Bars
- Peanut Butter
- Kashi Power Bars
- Kashi Cereal
- Oatmeal Packets
- Raisin Bread
- Ritz Crackers
- Chocolate Bars
- Benadryl
- Gummy Vitamins
- Vitamin B Complex
- White Tube Socks
- Clip-on Mosquito Repellent

There is box that is located at the club to drop off donations and as soon as it is filled it will be shipped to Jerry's Company. Again, any donations would be greatly appreciated as the Elks take great pride in supporting our troops.



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NOVEMBER 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>QUOTE OF THE DAY...</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nobody can bring you peace but yourself. <i>Ralph Waldo Emerson</i></p>					1	2
Norwood DD 3 Visitation (1:00pm) Daylights Savings Time 	4	5	6  Lodge Meeting	7	8 Regional Soccer Shoot (Auburn/ Webster) 	9 Regional Soccer Shoot (Auburn/ Webster) 
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17 Regional Meeting (Chicopee Lodge)	18	19	20  Lodge Meeting	21 	22 	23 Turkey Shoot
24	25	26	27 Blue and White Night	Thanksgiving Day Hanukkah 	29	30

DECEMBER 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4  Lodge Meeting (The only one this month)	5	6	7
8 Kid's Christmas Party 	9 	10  Member's Christmas Party	11 Emblem Club Meeting Meal of the Month Birthday Bash	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Christmas Day (Lodge Closed) 	26	27	28
29	30 	31 New Year's Eve	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>QUOTE OF THE DAY...</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">If you haven't got any charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble. <i>Bob Hope</i></p>			

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